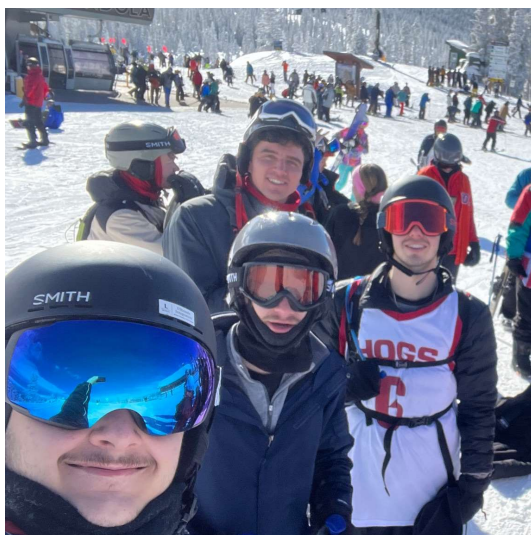


In RUF at Arkansas we want to be a group that is shaped by the depths of God's word. We also want to be a community centered on Jesus that knows and loves one another, serves and cares for one another, challenges and encourages one another, and also faces outward towards the campus to take the love of Jesus into the places we live our lives. God is forming his people into his image, and he is using his word and the community of believers we are connected with to do this.

Winter Ski Retreat





One of the fun and formative things we do with our students is our Winter Ski Retreat out in Winter Park, CO. This retreat happens over winter break and is fun for obvious reasons. We get to spend three days skiing or snowboarding on the beautiful slopes of the Winter Park Ski Resort. It's amazing!

But the trip is also formative because God uses this retreat to form deeper relationships between friends and to grow students in their knowledge and trust of him. Students who've been getting to know each other throughout the fall semester spend fourteen hours in a car together joking, laughing, and telling stories about their lives as they anticipate skiing in the Rockies. Then they have these amazing shared experiences in a beautiful place where the glory and majesty of God is easily seen. But after the fun of the day we also gather to worship God, hear from his word, and then have small group discussions after each message.



I talked to a female student early this week who casually mentioned that the ski retreat brought this moment of clarity for how deeply God loved her. She talked about the ways God's love is commonly proclaimed in church, how she's heard it her whole life, and how it's felt so generic for so long. But something about the nightly messages highlighted to her that God's love for her is not so generic, but he in fact intimately cares for her.

This reality led us into a deeper conversation about Psalm 139 and just how personal God's love and care is for each of his individual children. He is never absent and always sees, knows and cares for his children. I left this conversation so encouraged and thankful for the ways God works through his Spirit. God's word is living and active, and he is revealing himself to these students through his word. Please pray these students are continually shaped by God's revelation of himself to us.

Wednesday Night Worship

This semester at our worship nights on Wednesday, we're going through the gospel of Mark and looking at the ways Jesus is king over all things. In the first chapter of Mark, Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God is at hand, and therefore, repentance and belief in him is the only right response. Each week we look at Jesus as the one, true king who calls us to turn to him and believe. And each week students are confronted with the real Jesus of Scripture who is

both savior and Lord of their lives.

The kingship of Jesus has always been questioned by the world and human hearts that want to be their own masters. And these students constantly hear the message from the outside world to live for themselves, follow their own hearts, and never look back. But Jesus tells a better story for how to make sense of who we are and what we should live for in this world. Please pray for Wednesday nights and for our students to see and love Jesus and to follow after him.



Watch party for Arkansas Basketball - we've been having a fun season!



Student game night - always a hit!



Skate Night!

Mid-Semester Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the ministry of RUF at Arkansas. Here are some specific requests mid-semester:

For our **ministry team** that is seeking to lead and love their peers and point them to Jesus.

For **students** as they fight the common temptations of college and for them to find rest in the saving grace of Jesus.

For **salvation for unbelievers** who regularly come to RUF events.

For **small group leaders and students** connected to these groups, they would grow in knowing God's word, connect with others through God's word, and apply who God is to their lives.



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for praying for us and supporting this ministry. It is a joy to minister to the students at the University of Arkansas. Please reach out with any questions to learn more about how God is at work or what we are doing on campus.

Grace and Peace,

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"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:10

